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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of: Gao, et al.****Serial No.: 09/663,662****Filed: September 15, 2000****For: 4-Kbits/s Speech Coding****Art Unit: 2655****Examiner: Opsasnick, Michael N.****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 2, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.